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1. The manager of the Letov Glider Factory is Franc Sustecic, who has been engaged in glider aviation since 1936. The following models have been developed at this factory:
 - a. The Triglav, now in mass production.
 - b. The Orac (Eagle), in 1949.
 - c. The Jadran, reportedly the first hydro-glider; developed during a one-half month period.
 - d. The prototype of the Udarnik, which was built by Dusan Cenar and Marjan Slanovec, at the end of 1949.

At present the principal assignment of the factory is to develop the Lasta glider series.
 2. The ribs of the gliders are made of special juniper which grows on suitable ground under special climatic conditions. The wood must have thick, straight fibers. The smallest acceptable fiber is one-sixth of a centimeter thick. For the best gliders, the ribs are made of very slender ribs, three by three millimeters. They are extremely fragile, although a well-made glider must have wings capable of supporting a weight of 2,500 kilograms.
 3. Vrapci gliders are now being made in the Letov factory. Production is insufficient to meet demand, although the factory produced 30 gliders in 1949 and reportedly will produce 60 in 1950.

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